

# STAFF'S REQUEST ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

## 04AN0317

Kennedy Homes Inc., Jim Kennedy

Clover Hill Magisterial District 6812 Windy Creek Place

<u>REQUEST</u>: A five (5) foot Variance to the twenty-five (25) foot rear yard setback requirement for a single family dwelling in a Residential (R-9) District.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend approval of this request for the following reasons:

- A. Variance will not impair the character of this residential area.
- B. Variance will not reduce or impair the value of the buildings or property in the surrounding area.
- C. Variance will not adversely affect the welfare or safety of persons residing on the premises or the neighborhood in general.

#### **CONDITION**

This Variance shall be for the proposed setback for the dwelling only as depicted on the plat attached to staff's report.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Location:

Property is known as 6812 Windy Creek Place. Tax ID 767-690-3602 (Sheet 11).

# **Existing Zoning:**

R-9

Size:

.32 acre

# **Existing Land Use:**

Vacant

## Adjacent Zoning and Land Use:

North - R-7; Residential

South - R-9; Vacant

East - R-7; Residential and Vacant

West - R-7; Vacant

## **Utilities**:

Public water and sewer

## General Plan:

(Central Area Land Use and Transportation Plan)

Residential (2.51 to 4.0 units per acre)

#### DISCUSSION

The applicant is proposing to construct a dwelling twenty (20) feet from the rear property line (see attached site plan). The Zoning Ordinance requires a twenty-five (25) foot rear yard setback, therefore the applicant requests a five (5) foot Variance.

The applicant provides the following justification in support of this request:

This lot is for a single family residence. This request is required to increase the buildable area to allow construction of a house which is already under contract. The lot was represented with a twenty-five (25) foot setback off the right of way on the tentative construction plan and record plat. If the twenty-five (25) foot setback is taken off the buffer the lot will not fit the footprint of the house plan.

Staff has reviewed the attached site plan and the applicant's proposal. Staff notes that there is a cul-de-sac located to the rear of the subject property. Because of this cul-de-sac the property is unusually shaped creating a hardship for the applicant to meet the rear yard setback requirement.

applicant has also indicated there was a twenty (20) foot buffer. The twenty (20) foot buffer was reduced to ten (10) feet by the Director of Planning.

Staff believes that allowing the applicant to build a dwelling twenty (20) feet from the rear property line will not reduce or impair the value of the dwellings or property in the immediate or surrounding area and will not impair the character of this residential district; therefore, staff supports this request subject to the recommended condition.



